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Chief, Confidential Funds Branch

21 April 1949

Budget Officer

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Claim by Mr. [] for differential pay while on TDY overseas

1. Your memorandum of 11 April 1949 states that the Fiscal Branch advised your office that a salary differential is not payable to Mr. [] from 18 November 1948 through 1 January 1949, through the facilities of the Fiscal Branch.

2. By "salary differential" it is assumed you mean "foreign post differential", however, this office does not understand where the 10% figure was obtained since Foreign Service Regulations S-51 and S-53 set forth a foreign post differential of 20% []

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Your attention is invited to Section 325.1 (h), Regulation S-51, which states: "'On detail' at a post of duty means performing temporarily, at a post other than the post of regular assignment, duties which involve carrying out functions of the post to which detailed. An employee is not 'on detail' to a post if he is there temporarily, in a travel status, performing duties in connection with the duties of his regular position at another post." (Underscoring supplied). Considering this and the information presented, it does not appear that Mr. [] falls within the category of an employee on detail. Also, it is the normal practice of the Personnel Office, in connection with the detail of an employee from one activity to another, to formalize the situation through the issuance of a Personnel Action. The records of the Fiscal Branch fail to reflect that the employee was away from his official station during the period involved.

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3. In view of the foregoing and based on the information now available, the individual concerned is not entitled to a foreign post differential for the period of approximately 45 days spent in a temporary overseas assignment related to headquarters functions. This determination is for application in all other cases parallel to the one discussed.

4. No further action is considered necessary with respect to the comments set forth in the fourth paragraph of your memorandum of 11 April.

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